

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

Travel date(s): Thursday, November 7, 2019 - Saturday, November 9, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$489.80	\$253.00	\$115	none
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Toured USDA-ARS lab and John Deere Factory, discussed sugar issues with producers, visited farm during harvest,

toured sugar factory, met with LSU economists, toured sugar refinery, discussed trip with producers and foundation staff

11/13/19
(Date)

Gerald Stoskopf
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/13/19
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

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Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Gerald Wayne Stoskopf

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

Travel date(s): Thursday, November 7 - 2019, Saturday, November 9, 2019

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Houma, LA; Napoleonville, LA; Belle Rose, LA; Gramercy, LA; New Orleans, LA

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Current issue portfolio includes commodity programs and specifically the US sugar program. The education events and tours will provide first hand knowledge of sugarcane production and processing operations.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

10/3/19
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Senator Pat Roberts hereby authorize Gerald Wayne Stoskopf
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)


I authorize an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

10/3/2019
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

OR

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

[OR]

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation is the sole sponsor and will organize and conduct the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The mission of the Foundation is to increase public awareness of the LA sugar industry. The purpose of the trip is to give staffers an opportunity to visit the sugar industry and to gain first-hand knowledge of sugarcane research, production and processing operations, and the impact on the local economy.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the tenth trip that the Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation has sponsored. The first trip was held in November, 2009.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Foundation supports Ag in the Classroom (a program sponsored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau),
the Ag Leadership program sponsored by the LSU AgCenter, and other scholarships to Louisiana
state universities.

- 16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:**

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$489.80	\$253.00	\$115	none

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves events that are arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

- 18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip**

To provide first-hand knowledge and experience of the inner working of the Louisiana sugar industry.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hampton Inn, Thibodaux, LA

Astor Crowne Plaza, New Orleans, LA

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

1. Located on route and in the Bayou Lafourche sugar region.

2. On route and close proximity to the site where sugarcane was first grown by the Jesuit priests
on Baronne St.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily expenses for lodging will be at the Federal government per diem rate.

The daily expenses for meals will be at the Federal government per diem rate.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach class airfare on American airlines and a 25-passenger mini-coach for local travel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Kenneth Gravois, President

Name of Organization: Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

Address: P O Box 874, Thibodaux, LA 70302-0874

Telephone Number: 225-281-9472

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8:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Group travels to New Orleans, LA on American Airlines flight # 4588 from Washington-Reagan National Airport.
10:35 a.m.	Group arrives at the New Orleans International Airport.
10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Group Leaders will pick up the group at the New Orleans Airport and transport the group for the duration of the trip. Travel to Houma, LA.
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch and itinerary briefing at the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory in Houma. During this lunch, Dr. Kenneth Gravois, President of the LSCF, will present a brief history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry and a description of the process of creating sugar from sugarcane will be provided.
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Site visit of the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory. Dr. Michael Grisham, Research Leader, will present the importance of the research laboratory to the sugar industry. The focus will be on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection. Drs. Rich Johnson and Anna Hale will present an explanation on the sugarcane crossing greenhouse complex and field plots.
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Travel to the John Deere Thibodaux Factory, Thibodaux, LA.
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Site visit of the John Deere Thibodaux Factory. The group will learn of the local, national, and international economic impact of the largest producer of sugarcane harvesting equipment. The group will tour the factory to observe equipment being built. This visit will be lead by Mike Duplantis, Plant Manager.
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Travel to the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
4:45 p.m.	Arrive at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Travel to the Tractor Barn in Thibodaux, LA for dinner.
6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner at the Tractor Barn in Thibodaux, LA. Mr. Ken Rodrigue, owner of the Tractor Barn will welcome the group. Here the group will interact with growers and processors to discuss important sugar industry issues. Dinner will be served consisting of Louisiana delicacies.
8:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Depart from the Tractor Barn for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
8:45 p.m.	Arrive at Hampton Inn for the night.

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Check out prior to breakfast.

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Briefing – Dr. Ken Gravois will present a recap of the visit during a meeting at the Astor Crowne Plaza meeting room.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Van shuttle will transport you back to the New Orleans airport for your American Airlines flight # 4588 departing New Orleans at 11:09 a.m. arriving Washington Reagan at 2:37 p.m.

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2019 Congressional Staff Visit Participants

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| 1. | Caroline Buyak | Congresswoman Marth Roby (R-AL) |
| 2. | Hart Clements | Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) |
| 3. | Evan Dörner | Congressman Pete Aguilar (D-CA) |
| 4. | Luke Dube | Congressman Marc Veasey (D-TX) |
| 5. | Jeffrey Kratz | Congressman Don Bacon (R-NE) |
| 6. | Mike Maloof | Congressman Tim Burchett (R-TN) |
| 7. | Prescott Martin | House Ag Committee |
| 8. | Rachel Pearce | Congressman Don Bacon (R-NE) |
| 9. | Wayne Stoskopf | Senate Ag Committee |
| 10. | Katherine Thomas | Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) |
| 11. | John Weber | Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD) |